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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: **PRODUCTION OF PLANTS HAVING IMPROVED  
ROOTING EFFICIENCY AND VASE LIFE USING  
STRESS-RESISTANCE GENE**  
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated November 27, 2007, concerning the above-referenced patent application. By virtue of the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time and payment of the prescribed fees, this response is timely filed on or before March 27, 2008.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this document.